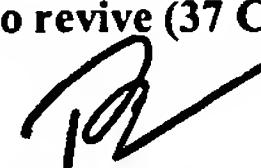


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TITLE OF INVENTION APPARATUS FOR SECURING TUBES		
APPLICANT FOR DO/EO/US Nicolas Bara		
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